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Identical letters dated 31 August 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you herewith a list of Israeli acts of aggression against Lebanon which took place between 29 and 31 August 2006 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 14, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the identical letters dated 31 August 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Subject: Israeli violations and attacks against Lebanon from 0800 hours on 30 August 2006 through 0800 hours on 31 August 2006

Air violations

Four air violations by enemy Israeli reconnaissance aircraft and helicopters over various areas of Lebanon were recorded.

Land violations

On 30 August 2006, an excavator carried out maintenance work on the gate and the barbed wire strip on either side of it accompanied by two civilian vehicles and finished work at 1700 hours.

Immediately after the cessation of the military attacks carried out by Israel during its most recent aggression on Lebanon, it became evident that the forces of occupation in Al-Ghajar had taken advantage of the new situation and had deployed into the Lebanese section of the town, crossing the Blue Line to a distance of 500 metres inside Lebanese territory. The enemy forces had erected earth mounds and placed concrete blocks along the boundaries of the town on the east and north sides of the Lebanese section. An Israeli tractor was also observed repairing the barbed wire fence bordering the north side of the town.

30 August 2006

- At 1100 hours, a land mine exploded on a bulldozer belonging to the Israeli enemy forces which was moving earth at Al-Rahib hill outside Aait al-Chaab, inside Lebanese territory.
- At 1250 hours, from one of their positions inside occupied Palestinian territory, the enemy fired about 5 artillery rounds aimed at Al-Hadeb, west of the town of Aaita al-Chaab, inside Lebanese territory.

Sea violations

- At 2115 hours, an enemy Israeli gunboat fired an illumination flare over the water off Sayniq about 3 kilometres from the coast.
- As a result of the use by the Israeli enemy of cluster bombs in residential areas during its attacks on Lebanon, there have been numerous cluster-bomb explosions resulting in injury to three people during the period in question, as follows:
    - At 0730 hours, in Aadchit al-Chaqif, a cluster bomb from among the war remnants left by the Israeli enemy exploded and injured a woman called Aliya Hayek (her condition is not serious).
    - At 0825 hours, in Al-Maalliye (Tyre), Rahat Handasi (LM6) was inspecting his citrus orchard when a cluster bomb from among the war

remnants left by the enemy exploded injuring Sergeant First Class Najih Hablus in the right thigh and the neck (his condition is not serious).

- At 1800 hours, in the town of Qana (Al-Khariba district) a boy named Mahmoud Shalhoub (ten years old) was playing close to his home when an unidentified object exploded, slightly injuring his right hand and face (he returned home after treatment).

Subject: Israeli violations and attacks against Lebanon from 29 August 2006 at 0800 hours to 30 August 2006 at 0800 hours

Air violations

- Seven air violations by enemy Israeli reconnaissance aircraft and helicopters over various areas of Lebanon were recorded.

Land violations

- At 0900 hours, in the locality of Khallet al-Rahib (Aaita al-Chaab) ten explosions were heard, the cause of which was not known.
- From 1100 hours onwards, a Poclain machine, a Pajero jeep and three civilians carrying surveying instruments went through the Metulla gate (Al-Barrad) and took up a position in front of the gates. They were accompanied by an enemy patrol inside the settlement of Metulla. At 1600 hours, they departed in the direction of occupied Palestinian territory.
- At 1300 hours, in the locality of Khallet al-Rahib (Aaita al-Chaab) several bursts of medium-machine-gunfire were heard, the cause of which was not known.
- Between 1800 hours and 1940 hours, the enemy Israeli forces strafed the area surrounding their position at Rouaisset al-Aalam (in the occupied Shab'a farms) with medium-machine-gunfire.
- On 29 August 2006, a Poclain excavator belonging to the enemy Israeli forces placed concrete blocks in front of the Fatima Gate about 15 metres inside Lebanese territory, finally closing the gate off to vehicular traffic.